

GRIGGS ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Declares in Court That Constitution Does Not Follow the Flag.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In the United States Supreme Court to-day Attorney-General Griggs argued the Goetz and "Fourteen Diamond Ring" cases, the decision of which is expected to fix the status of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands and other islands possessed acquired during the war with Spain with respect to the United States proper, to say whether their people are citizens, and to indicate whether the Constitution follows the flag.

In summing up for the Government he contended:

First.—That the United States has the power to acquire territory; that, having acquired it, it has the right to govern it; that administrative construction, congressional action and judicial precedent, affirm that every part in a ceded country is properly regarded as foreign until laws are extended by Congress to the new possessions.

Also, that the clause of the Constitution of the United States declaring that the uniformity throughout the United States is not applicable to new possessions, and that the Constitution does not extend of its own force over acquired territory.

Second.—That there was no doubt that was the intention of the Paris Treaty was to make the ceded islands a part of the United States and also that it was intended not to make the inhabitants of those islands citizens, the only thing that could justify a declaration that the treaty was invalid would be that it violates the constitution of the United States.

Also, that the contention that our Government forbids this nation to hold sovereignty over subject territory was not recognized by the framers of the Constitution and that Thomas Jefferson was really opposed to such an idea.

Third.—That the treaty making power of the government has exercised the right to deal with the status of the inhabitants of ceded territory in every treaty of cession from 1802 to 1898.

Fourth.—That this doctrine is entirely in variance with the doctrine that "the Constitution follows the flag," and that when territory is ceded to the United States the inhabitants become immediately proprii vigore citizens of the United States.

If that doctrine be true every treaty that has brought us new lands and new inhabitants has violated, in this respect, the principles of the Constitution. It convicts of error and usurpation Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, James K. Polk, Franklin Pierce, Andrew Johnson, their Cabinets and the Senators that ratified their treaties.

After a series of conferences to-day with Central Railroad officials and representatives of the railway employees, General Superintendent Olhausen, of the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, made this statement this afternoon:

"The railroad company has received from its employees an application for a slight increase in wages. This application is now under consideration. It will require all the careful attention to which it is entitled. I cannot say how soon a definite answer will be submitted; neither would it be proper to state at this time what action is likely to be taken."

Superintendent Olhausen, while he does not say so, is believed to have had several talks with the officials to-day on the subject, and there is a strong feeling at the depot at Commack, that serious trouble will be averted. There was no sign of an impending strike at Commack to-day.

Mr. Titus, chairman of the Board of Federation of the railway employees, is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the employees, which include engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen and telegraphers.

The employees claim they are entitled to a slight increase in view of the increased earnings of the company.

World Wants Distribute What Advertisers Contribute!

557 Paid Help Wants in this Morning's World.

245 Paid Help Wants in 13 other N. Y. papers combined.

ARTIFICIAL FLOW. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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UPHOLSTERY and DRAPERY DEPT.

On Wednesday, December 19th the following will be offered:

Irish Point Lace Bed Sets (full size), Per Set, 5.75, 6.90

Imported Silk and Lace Table, Cabinet or Pedestal Covers and Mantel

or Piano Draperies, Silk centres with Marie Antoinette

Appliques, and Renaissance Lace borders,

Table Covers, \$9.75 Mantel Draperies, \$24.50

Oriental Tapestry Couch Covers, 58 in. wide, 3.90

Tapestry Table Covers (reversible),

1½x1½ yards, \$1.38 2x2 yards, \$1.65

Double Faced Velour Table Covers, 1½x1½ yards, 5.25

SHIRT WAIST DEPARTMENT.

Special for Wednesday, December 19th:

500 FLANNEL WAISTS.

Plain Tailor-Made, \$2.25

Fancy Trimmed, 3.50

Embroidered, bow knot pattern, 4.50

and

250 SILK WAISTS at the following Greatly Reduced Prices:

\$5.50, \$7.50, \$10.00

A complete stock of the newest styles is displayed, including Dress Waists of Panné Velvet, Corset Silk, Point d'Venise and Cluny Lace, and Tailor-Made Shirt Waists of Plain Embroidered and Persian Patterned Panné Velvet.

MISSES' DEPARTMENT.

Misses' Gowns and Children's Frocks of Point d'Esprit, Chiffon, Muslin and Organdy, in new models.

Marked Reductions have been made in prices of Misses' Tailored and Fancy Suits, Three-quarter length Jackets and Reckers, Children's Dressy Coats, Flannel and Silk Waists.

Wednesday, December 19th:

Misses' Mackintoshes with full double-breasted Military Capes and Velvet collars, \$2.75

STERN BROTHERS

To-morrow in their Infants' Outfitting Dep't

Short Dresses, ages 6 months to 2 years, 65c, 95c, \$1.85

Long Slips, 38c, 59c, 93c

And in addition large assortments of

Caps, Cloaks, Afghans, Wrappers, Sacques, Bootees, Pillow Slips, Bath Robes and Bibs.

Holiday Gifts in Their Ladies' Underwear Dep'ts Second Floor

French Flannel Waists	Plain, with tucked back and dress sleeve, \$1.85
	With Polka Dots or hemstitched shield and reverses, \$2.95
	Hemstitched front and back; or in plaids with dress sleeve, \$3.98
Taffeta Silk Waists	Black and colored, front and back hemstitched, bishop sleeves, \$3.75
	Solid Colors tucked and hemstitched, with white silk vest, gilt buttons, bishop sleeves, \$4.98
Taffeta Silk Petticoats	Black, street and evening shades, eight inch pleating edged with ruffle, \$5.95
	Changeable Taffetas, with graduated ruffle, ruche footing, with graduated accordion pleated flounce, ruche above and below pleating, \$6.50
	\$8.50

West Twenty-third Street

GRIFFIN NOT MURDERED.

Coroner's Jury of Pajonson Sets Herman Harris Free.

The coroner's jury in the case of Samuel B. Griffin, a saloon-keeper, of River street, Paterson, who was shot and killed Dec. 9 last, found that the shooting was accidental.

Herman Harris, who has been held as a witness, was discharged to-day. The evidence showed that the pistol which caused Griffin's death was in the possession of Harris when discharged, but there was little to show that he had intentionally fired the weapon.

KEEP OFF CAR PLATFORMS. A passenger has no right to stand on the rear platform of a car, and if he insists upon doing so, the conductor can lawfully eject him.

FLED FROM HOTEL FIRE.

Asbury Park Guests Roused in Early Morning.

Guests of the Tennyson House, Asbury Park, were awakened this morning by the cry of fire. Thomas Wilson ran through the house ringing a bell. In an instant the halls were filled with men and women. They rushed from the burning house out into the cold streets, but were quickly taken care of by sympathizing neighbors.

A Condition, relating to the value of a large invoice of Oriental Rugs,

enables us to sell 57 Bales of Rare Rugs

Antique, Guendji, Mousoul and Persian, divided as follows:

Lot 1, \$6.50 to \$8.75.
Lot 2, \$12 to \$17
Lot 3, \$17 to \$22
Lot 4, \$27 to \$34
About ½ price.

Goods reserved for Holiday delivery.

Lord & Taylor, Broadway & 20th St.

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO Bloomingdale's 3d Ave. & 39th St.

To-night and to-morrow until 10 P. M., Men's \$15.00 Raglan Overcoats, made like cut; also Men's \$15.00 Overcoats, lined throughout with silk, to-night and to-morrow only, choice

8.75

To-night and to-morrow, until 10 P. M., Boys' (3 to 16 years) Oxford Overcoats, perfectly tailored; also strictly all-wool suits, of high-grade materials, worth \$4.00; to-night and to-morrow from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M., only

2.95

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Pianos and Organs.

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Pianos, \$1 PER WEEK.

Get a Wilson Piano, the standard of perfection, for \$155.00.

\$5.00 down and \$1.00 per week. Pianos delivered on payment of \$5.00.

Also the following high-grade pianos: MATERS, \$150.00 cash; easy terms, \$165.00

HARMONY, \$150.00 cash; easy terms, \$175.00

Our factory is working day and night to keep up with the demand, and unless you select at once we will not be able to supply you before Christmas.

BLOOMINGDALE BROS., 3d Ave., 59th and 60th Sts.

School Fire Inquiry Rapid.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Coroner Charles Blood proposes to thoroughly investigate the Normal School fire at Fredonia, and to see at once if any white washing has been a call for witnesses and evidence.

Bloomingdale's Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas.

There Are but Five Days Now!

Do you realize the importance of every one? Each day you put off shopping means greater and greater crowds. We advise you to shop in the morning, anyway. You have the advantage of more deliberate selections, and it is a great deal more comfortable all around. During these rush days you want to trade at a store that can give you the best service, the most prompt deliveries, that has the largest assortments of merchandise and the lowest possible prices—in every instance that's Bloomingdale's!

Men's Furnishings.



We have one of the most extensive assortments of men's and boys' furnishings for you to select gifts from that we have ever collected. The stocks comprise everything possible in the line of men's and boys' haberdashery. You will certainly miss a great deal if you do not make selections from our stock.

Men's and Boys' Bath Robes.

Men's Terry Cloth Bath Robes (or Turkish Towelling), 2.98—Very pretty patterns, in shaded stripes, \$4.00 value. Better qualities up to 8.98.
Men's Eiderdown Bath Robes, 2.98—Nice range of colors, heavy girdle to match, value \$4.00.
Boys' sizes, 1.98.
Men's Bath Robes, 3.98—Wool, eiderdown, brush back, pretty patterns, value \$5.00, our special price.
Boys' sizes, 2.98.
Men's Wool Eiderdown Robes, 4.98—Brush back, EVERY ROBE IS SILK BOUND, INCLUDING COLLAR AND CUFFS, beautiful assortment of patterns.
Men's Banket Robes, all wool, large assortment, at 4.98, 5.98, 6.98 up to 20.98.

Men's and Boys' Handsome Neckwear.

At 25c.—Of imported silk and satin, in up-to-date stripes and figures in imperials, tecks and four-in-hands.
At 50c.—Imperials, derby four-in-hands, tecks, puffs and narrow four-in-hands; about 100 styles; colorings and designs in abundance.
At 1.00.—This is one of our best selling lines; you not only get style, shape, finish and quality, but you also get exclusive designs; these are equal to exclusive dealers' \$1.50 and \$2.00 lines.
At 1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50.—Full-Dress Shirt Protectors, a very large assortment.

Men's Fancy Suspenders.

At 29c.—Every pair in a box; a great selection of elastic webs in assorted patterns, neat effects, including silk overshirts.
At 69c.—Put up in individual boxes; 150 different patterns in elastic webbing; worked in silk; all silk webbing in plain and striped effects; very handsome gift; value \$1.00.
Braces from 1.00 to 5.00.—Of plain Satins, Silks, Elastic Webs or Silk ends, Gilt, Sterling silver or Gold-Plated buckles, packed in individual boxes.

Men's and Boys' Collars and Cuffs.

Our "Army and Navy" Collars at 10c. We carry all the time in this line 40 different styles in Men's and Boys' shapes. They are 4-ply, and should sell for 15c. Put up for us exclusively under our own brand. Our price for collars, 10c; for cuffs, 18c, or 6 pairs for \$1.00.
A complete line of Earl & Wilson's, "Crown" and "Lion Brand" always on hand.

Umbrellas for Gifts.

Here's a very extensive assortment, most exceptionally low in price. The quality in every case is the very best. The umbrellas may be had in 26 or 28 inches, sizes suitable for men or women.

At 1.19.—Of union taffeta silk, with steel rod, case and tassels.
At 1.49.—Of union taffeta silk, with steel rod, case and tassels, with Dresden, horn, silver, Congo, weichei and boxwood handles.
At 1.69.—Of union taffeta silk, with steel rod, case and tassels, with Dresden, horn, gun-metal, Congo, weichei and boxwood handles.
At 2.49.—Of all silk, with steel rod, case and tassels, Congo, weichei and boxwood handles, plain and sterling silver trimmed.
At 1.98.—Of union taffeta silk, with steel rod, case and tassels, with Dresden, horn, very Congo, boxwood and fine sterling silver, trimmed handles.
At 1.98.—Of union taffeta silk, self-closing, with steel rod, case and tassels, Congo and boxwood handles.
At 2.78.—Of union taffeta silk, with steel rod, case and tassels, fine boxwood handles, silver trimmed.
At 2.78 and 5.00.—Of fine taffeta and pure silk, with beautiful pearl and sterling silver trimmed handles.

Standard Sets of Books.

At Very Special Prices.—We offer to-morrow some very special prices on standard works, by such writers as George Eliot, Dickens, Thackeray, etc. They come in four, six, eight and twelve volume sets and are priced thus:

Bulwer Lytton's Works, 13 volumes, cloth binding, 2.98.
13 volumes, English literature, 4.98.
Walter Scott's Novels, 12 volumes, cloth, 2.98.
12 volumes, literature, 4.50.
12 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 8.98.
Thackeray's Works, 10 volumes, cloth binding, 2.98.
10 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 8.49.
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Charles Dickens's Works, 15 volumes, cloth binding, 3.98.
15 volumes, cloth, 5.50.
15 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 11.98.
Main Floor, 59th St. Section.

George Eliot's Works, 6 volumes, cloth, 1.48.
8 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 8.98.
6 volumes, cloth, 1.98.
Alexandre Dumas's Works, 12 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 11.98.
Macaulay's History of England, 5 volumes, cloth, 2.65.
Cooper's Leather Stocking Tales, 5 volumes, cloth, 65c.
5 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 2.65.
History of the Roman Empire, by E. Gibbon, 15 volumes, cloth, 1.69.
Cooper's Works, 16 volumes, cloth, gilt top, 13.98.

Our Famous Gauntlet Rye Whiskey, none better at three times this price, per bottle, 38c.

Declars Ion Rye Whiskey, supreme quality, our \$1.25 bottle, 98c.
Holland Gin, finest imported, our 65c. bottle, 45c. our 95c. bottle, 65c.
California Port, Sherry, Catawba, Angelica or Muscatel, extra good quality, per half gallon, 45c; per gallon, 82c.
California Port or Sherry, extra fine, per half gallon, 69c; per gallon, 1.38.
Imported Port Sherry, Tokay, per half gallon, 1.50.
California C. & A., per gallon, 49c, 65c, and 85c.

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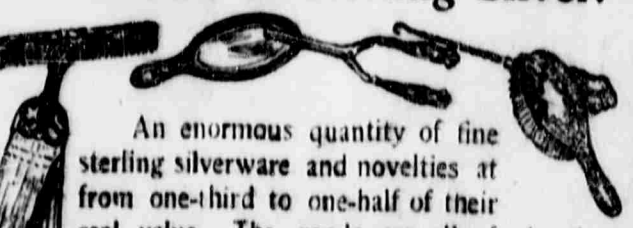
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Great Sale of Sterling Silver.



An enormous quantity of fine sterling silverware and novelties at from one-third to one-half of their real value. The goods are all of the finest make and guaranteed 925-1000 fine. The entire stock will be displayed on centre tables in our Jewelry Department.

Lot 1. At 21c.—Comprises silver mounted Nail Files, Button Hooks, Erasers, Cuticle Knives, Silver Horns, Blotters, Curling Irons, Dicers, etc.
Lot 2. At 29c.—Comprises silver mounted Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Nail Files, Blotters, Paper Cutters, Shoe Hooks, Shoe Horns, Sleeve Buttons, etc.
Lot 3. At 39c.—Comprises silver mounted Combs, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Shoe Hooks and Horns, Blotters, Nail Files, etc., and Bracelets.
Lot 4. At 48c, 50c, and 60c.—Clear Cutters, Pocket Match Safes, Bracelets, Key Rings, Baby Rattles, etc.
Lot 5. At 89c and 90c.—Comprises Hair Brushes, Whisk Brooms, Pocket Match Safes, Infant's Brushes, Baby Rattles, Dressing Combs, Cork Servers, Scissors, Paper Knives, large Silver Shoe Hooks, Nail Files, Corn Knives, Cuticle Knives, Sugar Tongs, Oyster Forks, Food Pushers, Shaving Brushes, Bonnet Brushes, Hat Brushes, etc.
Lot 6. At 1.38 to 2.98.—Comprises Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Hand Mirrors, Hat Brushes, Whisk Brooms, etc.
Lot 7. Comprises—Coffee Spoons at, per dozen, upward from 4.98.
Dessert Spoons at, per dozen, 16.00.
Tea Spoons at, per dozen, upward from 8.48.
Doulton Spoons at, per dozen, 11.28.
Table Spoons at, per dozen, 18.00.
Also Forks, Knives, Soup Ladles, Berry Spoons, etc. to make the goods come in a large variety of newest, beautiful designs. Every piece fully guaranteed.
Also Tea Sets, Sugar Pots, Milk Pitchers, Coffee and Tea Pots, Whiskery Flasks, Cigarette Cases, etc.
Writing Sets, consisting of Seal and Eraser, special, only 45c.
Manicure Sets, consisting of Hook and File, or Hook and Horn, special for this sale only 45c.
Manicure Sets, Hook and Horn, 69c.
Manicure Sets, Hook and File, 55c.
Sterling Silver—Mounted Button Hooks, Nail Files, Cuticle Knives, Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Curling Irons, Dicers, Table Belts, Erasers, Paper Cutters at, each, 20c.

Children's Coats—Special.

There is an even thousand of them. White and colored eiderdown coats; sizes six months to four years; priced exactly one-third below regular. Prices are 1.49, 1.69, 1.98 and 2.49

Holiday Sale of Watches.

You cannot make a person a more lasting gift or one that he will appreciate more than a fine watch. You will find great values here at our holiday sale. We buy in such large quantities that we can undersell all competition. Every watch guaranteed a perfect timekeeper.

At 2.95. Women's Solid Silver Watches—Solid silver, beautifully engraved, fitted with fine Swiss movements, silver brooch, chatelaine, and neat box. Sold by many as a bargain at \$6.50.
At 15.00. Gold Finished Enamel Miniature Open Face and Hunting Case Watches, some set with diamond chips, some with pearls, value \$25.
At 14.95.—O Size Gold Hunting Case Watch, fitted with American Waltham movements, value \$20.00.
At 5.95. Women's Enamelled Watches—The popular enamelled watches, chatelaine to match, richly enamelled in all the delicate shades of green, garnet, turquoise, etc.; sold all over at \$10.00 and \$12.00, with case.
At 3.49. Women's Solid Silver Hunting Case Watches—Handsomely engraved, fitted with fine Geneva movements; splendid value at \$6.00.
At 9.95. Women's Chatelaine 14-kt. Watches—Solid gold, in a great variety of engravings, fine jewelled Swiss movements sold every where by jewellers at \$15.00 to \$18.00.

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An Appropriate Holiday Gift. Axminster Rugs—Special.

Made by S. Sanford & Sons. They are reproductions of Oriental Rug Colors and color combinations; of rich blues, reds, greens, &c. These are the best Axminster Rugs of their kind in this market.

27 in. x 63 in., 1.98 6 ft. x 9 ft., 1 piece, 12.75
36 in. x 72 in., 3.48 9 ft. x 12 ft., seamed, 19.98
54 in. x 78 in., seamed, 5.98 Smith's Moquette Mats, 79c
54 in. x 78 in., 1 piece, 6.98 18 x 36, 79c
No Moll. Riders Filled. None Sent C. O. D.

Selections made at this sale will be held until Christmas if requested.

Christmas Groceries.

Quilled Figs, very finest, 5 lb. box, 95c, 1 lb. pkg., 20c.
Layer Fls. very fancy, 2 lb. box, 25c.
Stuffed Prunes, ½ lb., 28c, 1 lb., 47c.
Table Raisins, clusters, 1 lb. packages, 14c.

Java, Moccia and Maracaibo, our regular price 25c. bean or ground, per lb., 22c; 5 lbs. for 1.00.
Rolled White Oats, finest, our 9c, 5-lb. pkg., 7c.
Flaked Wheat, our 10c, 2-lb. pkg., 7c.

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